



Beyond energy communities: Collective energy actions for a faster, inclusive and diverse energy transition

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Webinar description

On 30 June 2021, member states were requested by the European Union to include in their national law the recast Renewable Energy Directive 2018/2001/EU (RED II). After one year from this deadline, most of the Member States have agreed on basic definitions of the new notions introduced by the directive, moving the first steps toward the necessary legal framework that will enable the large-scale rollout of community-based renewable projects. Most of the attention has been given to how to include in the national law the definitions of Renewable Energy Communities (RECs) and Citizens Energy Communities (CECs), but concepts such as are "collective self-consumption" and "active consumers" also enshrined in the Clean Energy Package seems to be hard to capture in their complexity.

The simplification of the wide panorama of possible energy collective actions to only RECs and CECs could result in the limitation of the potential for other types of initiatives to be established. This could also prevent different constellations of stakeholders to interact, not exploiting fully the existing potential to speed up the energy transition in a moment where acceleration is needed more than ever.

DECIDE project provides a good example of this great variety of possibilities. Most of the 21 energy community initiatives directly involved in the project, and many others with whom it collaborates do not fit into the definitions of RECs or CECs. Despite helping the acceleration of the energy transition, those initiatives risk being hindered in their development and excluded from supporting schemes due to the lack of a proper context that recognizes their existence and value.

Building on the need for better clarity and more effective inclusion of all energy collective actions, as per the Clean Energy Package, this webinar will start with an overview of EU Member States' approaches to the transposition of RECs and CECs to deepen the reasoning on collective actions. A selected panel of experts will later discuss with the audience on the optimal way to provide enabling frameworks for all collective energy initiatives.

EVENT AGENDA

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| 10:00 h | <p>Welcome and general introduction – <i>Silvia Assalini, ICLEI Europe</i></p> <p>Welcome, basic introduction of DECIDE, housekeeping rules, and agenda. Get to know who is in the room - Sli.do question to the audience</p> |
| 10:10 h | <p>Overview of the status of the transposition of the EU directives in EU member states - <i>Andreas Türk, Joanneum Research</i></p> <p>Based on the second DECIDE policy Brief, it will be presented the latest development in the transposition of Renewable Energy Directive and <i>Internal Market for Electricity Directive</i> across Europe. Particular attention will be put on the different approaches undertaken by Member States in regard of the definition of Energy Communities but also energy collective actions and the relation between the two.</p> |
| 10:20 h | <p>Q & A</p> |
| 10:25 h | <p>Integration of collective actions in the Clean Energy Package <i>Lucija Rakocevic, DECIDE coordinator, Th!nk E</i></p> <p>Presentation of the main points from the final draft of the DECIDE position paper on the concept of energy collective action.</p> |
| 10:35 h | <p>Discussion on integration of collective action with energy communities policy</p> <p>Round of statements followed by discussion with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Achille Hannoset, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission</i> • <i>Leen Peters, Th!nkE, Belgium</i> • <i>Laurène Provost, ClientEarth, Belgium</i> • <i>Ludwig Karg, B.A.U.M. Consult, Germany</i> • <i>Giulia Torri, KmO Energy, DECIDER, Spain</i> • <i>Tim Taylor, Korimako/Thriving Communities, Slovenia</i> |
| 11:25 h | <p>Closing</p> <p>Summary of the discussion and next steps on the DECIDE position paper. Promo on next DECIDE activities: Policy roundtable (29 Sept) and Workshop (30 Sept) at EUSEW - European Sustainable Energy Week</p> |
| 11:30 h | <p>End of the event</p> |